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only work devoted wholly to primary batteries available to English-speaking electricians and students, we believe, having been an unsatisfactory treatise translated from the French. In preparing this book the author has evidently had in mind the needs of the student of electricity as well as of those whose occupation requires some degree of familiarity with primary batteries for practical purposes, as the work is admirably adapted to the wants of both classes. The divisions of the subject appear to be as logical as the nature of the material permits, each being fully illustrated by the most useful types of cells. Prominence has been given to standards of electromotive force, and a chapter is devoted to testing, which will prove both interesting to the student and useful as a laboratory guide.

— Professor Tyndall's health is improving to such an extent that he is preparing for the press a volume of essays, addresses, and reviews, to be issued under the title "Fragments of Science."

— Ginn & Co., publishers, announce for immediate publication "The Story of Our Continent," a reading book in the geography of North America, by professor N. S. Shaler of Harvard University, illustrated. The object of this book is to set before the student a simple explanation of the way in which the continent of North America has come to its present physical state, and at the same time to show how this physical state affects the life of the people. In other words, it seeks to secure a clear conception of

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— *The Climatologist* is the title of a new monthly journal of medicine announced by W. B. Saunders, 713 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. The object of this journal will be to promote original investigation, to publish papers containing the observations and experience of physicians in this country and Europe on all matters relating to climatology, mineral springs, diet, preventive medicine, race, occupation, life insurance, and sanitary science, and in that way to supply the means by which the general practitioner and the public at large will become better acquainted with the diseases of this country and Europe, and better armed to meet the requirements of their prevention or cure. The editors are Drs. John M. Keating, F. A. Packard, and Charles P. Gardiner, who will have the co-operation of about thirty associate editors. The first issue, dated August, will be ready about the 10th.

— According to the *Publishers' Weekly*, Professor Lester F. Ward has received the distinction of having his book, "Dynamic Sociology," burned by order of a council of ministers of Russia.

Publications received at Editor's Office,  
July 22-Aug. 4.

- ALLSOP, F. C. *Telephones, their Construction and Fitting*. New York, Spon. 191 p. 12°. \$2.  
COMSTOCK, T. B. *Report on the Geology and Mineral Resources of the Central Mining Region of Texas*. Austin, State. 100 p. 4°.  
CUMMINS, W. T. *Report on the Geology of Northwestern Texas*. Austin, State. 94 p. 4°.  
HYATT, A. *Carboniferous Cephalopods*. (Geol. Survey of Texas.) Austin, State. 30 p. 4°.  
MAINE. *Sixth Annual Report of the State Board of Health of the State of, 1890*. Augusta, State. 306 p. 8°.  
PETERMAN, A. L. *Elements of Civil Government*. New York, American Book Co. 218 p. 12°. 60 cents.  
SPENCER, Herbert. *Justice; being Part IV. of the Principles of Ethics*. New York, Appleton. 291 p. 8°. \$1.25.  
STREATFIELD, F. W. *Practical Work in Organic Chemistry*. New York, Spon. 156 p. 12°. \$1.25.  
TEXAS. *Geological Survey of. Reports on the Iron Ore District of East Texas*. Austin, State. 326 p. 4°.  
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U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. *Topographical Maps of Portions of Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia*. Washington, Government. 15 maps. 4°.  
UNIVERSITY Extension. Vol. I., No. 1. m. July, 1891. Philadelphia, Am. Soc. for the Extension of Univ. Teaching. 32 p. 8°. \$3 a year.  
VON SREERNWITZ, W. H. *Report on the Geology and Mineral Resources of Trans-Pecos Texas*. Austin, State. 70 p. 4°.  
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— The *Home Journal* of last week contained a four-column article which expounds and explains the important question of international copyright. It shows how the new law affects authors, publishers, printers, and readers on both sides of the Atlantic.

— There is in the London *Journal* of January, 1891, this reference to the establishing of the university extension movement in Austria: "A beginning has recently been made in connection

with the Vienna universities and the 'Volksbildungs' (Society for Popular Instruction) to introduce the university extension system to the Austrian capital. Dr. Bauer, who visited this country in the summer, writes that a society has been formed, under the auspices of which courses of lectures have already been arranged in science, history, and economics, in various parts of the city, and on the eve of the coming census a series of lectures will be given on the 'Statistics of Population.' Lecturers have also been asked to give courses to the soldiers and officers in barracks. The majority of teachers are graduates of the university, or men of acknowledged literary or scientific training, and the work is thus of university stamp." The financial difficulty has quickly asserted itself, and it is proposed to apply for aid to the "Lantag" (provincial parliament), and any grant that may be forthcoming will be controlled by a "curatorium," consisting of certain members of parliament, professors of the university, and members of the society.

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